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## SHAVINGS.

A Collection of Ideas and Assertions overheard in a Barber Shop.

BARBER: There appears a little diphtheria around town again.

VICTIM: What is the cause of so much sickness? The town has been thoroughly cleaned and kept so.

NEXT: The trouble is the water from the wells so many use. As has frequently been pointed out, poisons from a score of privies filter down to the water level.

THE OTHER MAN: There is that well down near the jail, with a four compartment water closet poisoning it. Near fifty families use its water.

NEXT: Yes; and I can count twenty-two people among those using that water, who have died within eighteen months; and the diseases that carried off at least nineteen of them were directly traceable to the use of the water.

VICTIM: The town authorities should suppress that well.

NEXT: If they don't do so pretty soon I shall call the attention of the territorial health officer to the matter.

BARBER: They say that Blatchley, the colporteur did a big business at Tucson—sold out his entire stock of Bibles and had none left for Phoenix.

NEXT: If there was any place in need of Bibles Tucson was that place.

VICTIM: Yes; and there should have been a special edition with the golden rule on every page, in big black letters.

VICTIM: Why is the right hand horse in a team called the "off" horse?

BARBER: I don't know.

NEXT: I guess neither of you fellows ever did any plowing.

VICTIM: Nope.

NEXT: Well; to be on unbroken ground in plowing one must walk on the left side of the team, for the plow throws the furrow to the right; necessarily the horse on the left is the "high horse" while his mate is the "off horse."

VICTIM: Have you got onto the new ordinances stuck up around town?

NEXT: No; what do you mean?

VICTIM: Why; the official notices stuck around of the adoption of a lot of ordinances by the town council.

THE OTHER MAN: What are they?

VICTIM: No one knows entirely; for as yet no one has taken the trouble to get a step ladder to climb high enough to read what is written at the top. At the old postoffice building one extends from the eaves to the sidewalk. It is written plainly enough, but most of it is too high for the ordinary eye to reach.

BARBER: What do they provide?

VICTIM: A system of licenses. The raw part of it is that some lines of business are heavily taxed while others are not touched. Rosenberg, the auctioneer is taxed out of business—\$12.50 per quarter. Hacks and vehicles are taxed \$10 per quarter; merchants, brokers and bankers are taxed. Saloons and gambling houses are not taxed at all.

NEXT: Why don't the newspapers show up the inequality.

VICTIM: They are in the play—no license tax is levied on them.

VICTIM: I heard a man say you are losing trade on account of the "Shavings" column in THE OASIS.

BARBER: How so?

VICTIM: He said men would not come here to get shaved with a chance of what they say being picked up and printed.

NEXT: I don't know who he was, but I will wager he is some chump who never had an idea worth printing, and couldn't say anything a newspaper would publish if he sat up nights trying to think it.

BARBER: And I am satisfied he is someone who wouldn't come here to shave anyhow. He is someone who has a grudge against me for other reasons, and takes advantage of this to express it. I don't see that there has been any falling off in my business, and all who shaved with me before the "Shavings" column appeared in THE OASIS continue to do so.

NEXT: It is about time the dog poisoner got in his work again.

VICTIM: I would like to catch someone poisoning a dog of mine.

NEXT: If you keep such a worthless canine as most of these about Nogales they ought to be poisoned.

THE OTHER MAN: Competent authority asserts that dogs are the means of spreading disease. Nearly every family has a pet-dog kept for company and amusement for the children. It runs out of the house, through the town everywhere, returns with germs of contagion in its hair, and the children are taken with diphtheria or some other fell disease. Its parents cannot conceive how it was done, as they "have been so careful, and the child was never exposed." It was the dog.

## NOGALES NOTES.

Customs Inspector Bob Catlett expects shortly from New York a dog which will throw completely in the shade all the rest of the fine canines in Nogales. It is a prize imported Scotch terrier, and took two prizes in the recent London bench show. The dog is a present to Bob from Colonel John Weir.

Wednesday a miner named Florencio Gutierrez was brought in from Harshaw, who was suffering from a dangerous stab in the left lung just above the heart, which he said was inflicted "San Juan's day" by Eulogio Valenzuela in a row. The cut was deep and severe. He died Wednesday evening.

Heavy shipments of ore from Sonora are now passing through the custom houses. Every pound of ore which can be brought out of Mexico before July 1st will come to escape the new extraction tax. To-morrow is the last day, and what comes thereafter will have to pay.

Tuesday evening Messrs. Jere Fryer, J. T. McDonald and Frank Mitchell came in from Oro Blanco by stage. Mr. Mitchell remained here several days, while the other two gentlemen returned to Oro Blanco by private conveyance on Wednesday.

## MINAS PRIETAS.

Special Correspondence.

MINAS PRIETAS, SONORA, Mexico.  
June 24th, 1895.

The consumption of ice in these camps is no small item, and the Nogales Ice Co. must have a fat thing in supplying us.

Last Sunday Mrs. P. B. Doyle arrived from Nogales to visit her husband who has charge of the company store at La Colorada.

Two men employed in the Amarillas mine were injured this week, one by a falling stone and the other from a premature explosion of dynamite.

Last week Mrs. J. B. Magruder, wife of the managing director of La Verde mine, left for her home in Washington D. C., where she will remain until fall.

A. C. Wright, the new surgeon, is winning golden opinions. He is closely attentive to the needs of his patients, and is a valuable assistant to Doctor R. L. Howitt, the chief surgeon.

The parents of Theo. Oldendorf, superintendent of transportation for the mining companies operating here, who have been visiting their son and his family at Torres, returned to their home in San Francisco, last week.

Mr. Robert Kohl is doing good work sinking on the property of Mr. F. F. Crantz, about a mile southeast of Prietas. The shaft is now down 175 feet. Everything indicates that Mr. Crantz has one of the coming bonanzas of the camp.

Just as about to send this communication, the news comes of a second sudden death. It is that of Hugh Swan, who has been employed in the assay office at Prietas. He died on Monday of typhoid fever and was buried the same day.

Much feeling is entertained toward those responsible for the malicious reports about small pox and yellow fever in this camp which have gone abroad. There are but few cases of small pox here, it is not epidemic, and is under good control.

Mine Host Thomas Penelli, of the Hotel Cosmopolita, is giving general satisfaction to all the guests and patrons of his new hostelry. He is an experienced and accomplished caterer, his table is always served with the best the market affords, while his rooms are cool, comfortable and homelike.

Mr. William Morris, who has been working at the pumps at the Amarillas mill, died in La Colorada on Saturday the 22nd, of pneumonia. He had worked the night before and though complaining, his death was indeed a sad surprise to this little community, as within less than two hours after having quit work his life had terminated. The sorrow of his friends is deep as he was a universal favorite.

The scarcity of water is greatly felt, and is the cause for suspension of a great deal of work. It is a matter of only a little time before the companies operating mines will have to develop a water system commensurate with the needs of the camp. Surveys have demonstrated the feasibility of bringing water from a point about twenty miles away. There is an abundant supply, and it can be

readily utilized without a very great investment of capital.

With completion of the Creston hoist, the Amarilla mill, and several other improvements which were in hand through last winter and spring, the building boom, which made things so lively in this camp, has subsided, and there is not quite the same appearance of activity there was some weeks ago. Of course a large force of men—carpenters and mechanics—has been laid off. Some of them have returned to the United States, some have gone prospecting, and a number have concluded to remain here and await promised resumption of operations in the fall.

The big combination shaft on the property of Pedro Negro, adjoining the Creston is going down at a great rate. The formations cut are extremely favorable and there is no doubt that it will prove a great mine. At each end it abuts on properties now in operation from which a vast amount of gold has been taken, and they were both in ore right up to the division lines all the way down so far as worked—700 feet. At present every energy is devoted to sinking the shaft, which will be carried down 1,000 feet. When that is completed levels will be opened, drifts and cross cuts run and winzes sunk, opening up the property in a thorough and scientific manner. Mr. Negro has behind him a wealthy company—consisting of some of the most prominent capitalists of Guaymas and Hermosillo, and they mean business.

## NOGALES NOTES.

"El Globo," one of the leading mercantile establishments of Sonora, with extensive stores at Nogales and Hermosillo, presents an advertisement in the leading newspaper of the border—THE OASIS. These superb stores carry large and varied stocks of all kinds of dry goods, dress goods, underwear, millinery etc. They buy in the great markets of the world strictly for cash, and offer their patrons rare bargains, in style, quality and prices of goods. To visit either of their extensive establishments is to cause a desire to buy which is not satisfied until the goods are delivered.

In another column is presented the professional announcement of Señor Carlos Pletz, the well known mining engineer and metallurgist. Mr. Pletz is a gentleman well and widely known in his line, and those employing him in his specialty—examining and reporting on mines—may be assured of the services of a most reliable and scientific expert.

Monday Mr. Miguel Bornio of New Orleans, La., president of the company operating the famous silver mines at Planchas de Plata, accompanied by Mr. Charles H. Charlton of the same place, arrived from the Crescent City; and on Thursday, accompanied by Mr. F. G. Hermosillo, the Nogales banker, they went out to their mines—some twenty miles southwest of Nogales.

Thursday morning Mr. Wm. Lund a prominent Guaymas merchant, accompanied by Mrs. L. arrived at Nogales. After remaining here a few days they went on to San Francisco. Mrs. Lund is in poor health, and the visit to the California metropolis is undertaken for her improvement.